

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 7 and 13 are canceled with this response. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

I. CLAIM OBJECTION

Claims 7 and 13 were objected to because the Examiner found that these claims were duplicates of other intervening claims. Specifically, claim 7 was a duplicate of intervening dependant claim 4, while claim 13 was a duplicate of intervening dependant claim 9. Therefore, and as suggested by the Examiner, these claims were canceled.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-22 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. US 2005/0213603 A1 Karighattam et al. (Karighattam). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Karighattam (US Pub. US 2005/0213603 A1), Application Serial No. 10/809,229 was filed March 25, 2004. However, the present invention, Application Serial No. 10/816,661 was filed April 2, 2004 and claims priority to and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/517,639, which was filed November 5, 2003, entitled NETWORK INTERFACE SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OFFLOADING SEGMENTATION AND/OR CHECKSUMMING WITH SECURITY PROCESSING. Thus, the cited publication is not believed to be available prior art.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, AMDP763US.

Respectfully submitted,
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